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SUBJECT: PRAVDA FINDS HOKKAIDO INDIFFERENT ON
ISLAND CLAIMS

1. UNUSUALLY DIRECT SOVIET EFFORT TO DEAL PUBLICLY
WITH NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE IS CONTAINED IN
MARCH 12 PRAVDA FEATURE STORY WRITTEN FROM HOKKAIDO
BY ITS JAPAN CORRESPONDENT LATYSHEV. AFTER MAKING
PREDICTABLE POINTS ABOUT COMMON INTERESTS OF HOKKAIDO
AND NEIGHBORING SOVIET REGIONS, INCLUDING TRADE,
LATYSHEV FOCUSES ON "OTHER FORCES" WHICH IMPEDE
CLOSE RELATIONS. HE DESCRIBES VISIT TO TOWN OF NEMURO,
WHICH IS CONDUCTING SATURATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN FOR
"REVANCHIST CLAIMS TO SO-CALLED NORTHERN TERRITORIES."

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2. BURDEN OF LATYSHEV'S IMPRESSIONS IN NEMURO, INCLUDING TALK WITH CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KOTARO YANAGIDA, IS THAT NORTHERN TERRITORIES PROPAGANDA IS LINKED TO "CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS OF CENTRAL AUTHORITY," WHO FINANCE CAMPAIGN FROM TOKYO. HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH LOCAL INHABITANTS CONVINCED HIM, HE WRITES, THAT IN MOST CASES THEIR VIEWS ARE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO THOSE ADVOCATING RETURN OF NORTHERN TERRITORIES. IN PARTICULAR, HE FINDS FISHERMEN INTERESTED IN EARLY SOVIET-JAPANESE UNDERSTANDING ON SAFE FISHING ZONE, OPPOSED TO GOJ DELAY IN SIGNING PEACE TREATY, AND UNINTERESTED IN NORTHERN TERRITORIES.

3.COMMENT: LATYSHEV'S ARTICLE SUGGESTS SOVIETS MAY BE EXPLORING NEW TACK. INSTEAD OF TRYING TO IGNORE EXISTENCE OF NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE, AS HAS LONG BEEN SOVIET POLICY, MOSCOW MAY NOW AIM TO UNDERCUT GOJ ARGUMENT THAT IT IS UNDER STRONG DOMESTIC POLITICAL PRESSURE. PROSPECT OF SAFE FISHING ZONE IS HELD OUT AS ADDITIONAL BAIT. NEW APPROACH, IF BORNE OUT IN SUBSEQUENT TREATMENT OF ISSUE, MAY BE PRELIMINARY MANEUVERING IN SOVIET EFFORT TO CLEAR AWAY NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE AT NEXT ROUND OF PEACE TREATY TALKS SOMETIME LATER IN 1974.
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